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Attorney Docket No. 051252-5020

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jeff PACE et al.)
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Application No.: 09/605,654) Group Art Unit: 3752
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Filed: 28 June 2000) Examiner: Kim, C.
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For: FUEL INJECTOR HAVING A MODIFIED)
SEAT FOR ENHANCED COMPRESSED)
NATURAL GAS JET MIXING)

PETITION TO RESET A PERIOD FOR REPLY
DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions to reset the period for reply to the Office Action dated 1 December 2001. M.P.E.P. §710.06 sets forth that "[i]n the event that correspondence from the Office is received late (A) due to delays in the U.S. Postal Service...applicants may petition to reset the period for reply."

The Office Action dated 1 December 2001 set a shortened statutory period for replying that expires on 1 March 2002. However, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the PTO-90C Form, the Office Action was received at the correspondence address (as designated by Customer Number 009629) on 22 January 2002.

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the first page of the contents with a docketed indication, which is annotated to include a "Docketed" date, assigned "Attorney," "Due Date," and "Action" due.

Thus, the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 1 December 2001 was not received until 22 January 2002, as evidenced by the mailroom and docketing stamps on the PTO-90C Form. Hence, at least 1 month of the 3-month replay period had elapsed on the date of receipt.

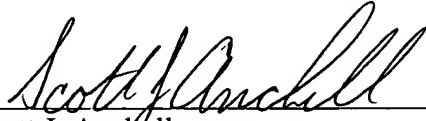
It is respectfully submitted that this Petition is timely filed within 2 weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address and a substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition to restart the previously-set three-month period for reply to the Office Action to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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